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1. A conference in the Soviet Zone Ministry of Information on [REDACTED] was attended by Information Minister Gerhard Eisler, Polizeipraesident Waldemar Schmidt, Vizepraeisident Alfred Schoenherr, four PK-Leiter of the Volkspolizei, Soviet Army officer Makarov (fmu), and his interpreter Weber (fmu), two other Soviet officers and two representatives of the Soviet Zone German Government.

Makarov issued an order that all civilian guards in nationalized enterprises and government offices be immediately placed under the jurisdiction of the Volkspolizei, but remaining administratively attached to their former employers. New guards were to be hired only through the appropriate VP offices. All guards who had been discharged from police service after 1945 for any reason were also to be removed from guard service. All guard personnel were to be provided with firearms, such as pistols and carbines, and take part in biweekly arms instruction conducted by VP personnel. All guard personnel were to be issued uniforms as speedily as possible. Makarov wanted a written statement on the execution of these orders by 1 October 1950.

3. During the subsequent discussion the German participants expressed their doubts about the issue of arms to all guard personnel. Makarov replied that he thought only politically reliable guards were employed, at least he had been informed to this effect. Makarov said that he had ordered the removal from guard service of all ex-police as an additional safeguard.
4. Makarov also ordered a further purge of the entire Volkspolizei by 1 November 1950. He said that he was aware that many unreliable elements were still in the ranks of the Volkspolizei. Vizepraeisident Schoenherr was particularly attacked by him. \*

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Waldemar Schmidt and Vizepräsident Alfred Schoenherr are known from press reports. However, according to the Berliner Zeitung, issue of 27 September 1950, VP Inspekteur Emil Rische was named Vizepräsident on 27 September 1950. Press reports have given Major Makarov as Berlin SCC officer in charge of police matters.

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